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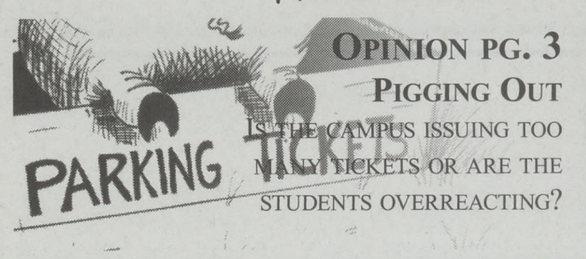

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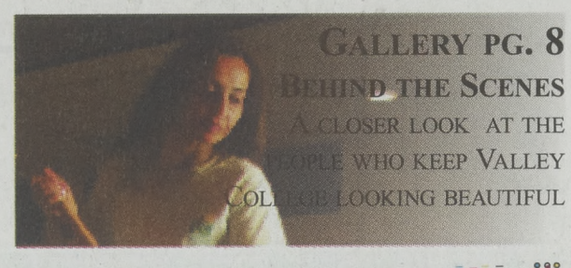

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Valley Maintains High Transfer Rate

■ The campus boasts high number of students bound for UC and CSU.

BY SUSAN MALTBY
OPINION EDITOR

Despite record fee increases, state budget crises and lowered enrollment, Valley College still transfers more students to UC and CSU than most other colleges in the district, according to preliminary data from Valley's office of research and planning.

"We may not see the effect of the recent tuition increase on transfer rates for a few years," said Dr. Cherine M. Trombley, Associate Dean. "The recent decrease in headcount began in the fall 2003 semester and we're seeing it again for fall 2004."

The updated transfer information Fact Book, to be published in January 2005, shows that the Los Angeles Community College District and the entire California community college system had a decrease in the number of UC- and CSU-combined transfers from 2002-03 to 2003-04.

For the prior year, the districts each had increases in the number of transfers. Valley had the highest number of UC and CSU transfers in the district last year. This year, Valley has dropped to third highest in the district.

Career Transfer Center Director Dr. Synthia Saltoun explained several reasons for the decline. "For most of

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THANKSGIVING FUN

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MOUTH FULL - Little Jesnia Prudencio enjoys her meal along with her parents, Valley College students and peers during the fourth annual Thanksgiving feast held by the Child Development Center on Tuesday Nov. 23.

Valley Football Coach Gets Fired

■ Monarch Head Coach Ron Ponciano and assistant coach Don Fellows get bad news after losing season.

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS EDITOR

At a Monarch football team meeting Tuesday afternoon, assistant head coach Jimmy Sims informed the players that coach Ron Ponciano was relieved of his head-coaching duties, effective immediately.

Offensive coordinator Don Fellows was also let go by the school as Sims was named interim head coach. Neither Ponciano nor Fellows attended the meeting. Panciano's record over the last two seasons was 4-16.

"I hope the Valley administration is happy with the decision they made to fire two of the best coaches in college football," said red-shirt freshman Jay Smith. "I promise you, it was a huge mistake, and as a player on this football team, I am thoroughly disappointed with the decision that was made."

Ponciano, who took over head coaching duties from Carl Ferrill (99-00 seasons) after being the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator in the 2000 season, struggled as the Monarchs amassed a 12-28 record during Ponciano's four-year tenure as head coach.

"I didn't know coach Ponciano too well, but from what I did know, he was a great coach," said freshman Chad Hicks. "He seemed to care for his players and wanted to help them in any way they could."

Many players on the team, including quarterback Brendon Dolye, were upset with the coaching change.

"Personally, I don't believe that the firing was the right thing to do," said Doyle. "I

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Ticket Bonanza on Campus

■ Campus police are issuing a larger number of tickets to students than ever.

BY MARILYN MINTON
STAFF WRITER

Campus police have issued 6,872 tickets in the past 10 months totaling more than $200,000 in potential revenue.

According to the sheriff's department, the average ticket is $30 and the bulk of these - approximately 98 percent were issued for cars without parking permits, or for those with expired permits."

"I bought my parking permit right away," said fire technology major Michael VanKirk. "But there were times when I walked away from my car and forgot to display my permit. When I went back five minutes later, there was a ticket already on my windshield."

The major portion of these citations, 4,307 to be exact, was issued only in the last four months; 897 in July; 202 in August; 2,169 in September and 1,039 in October.

For the same 10-month time period in 2003, the sheriff's department issued a total of 4,532 citations with a dollar value of $135,960, showing a 33 percent increase in activity this year.

"I was told that parking was free for the first week of school, but I got a ticket anyway," said sociology major Virginia Ross. "I went to the sheriff's office to explain and they removed the ticket."

According to Vice President of Administration Tom Jacobsmeyer, the money is being used for college

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DAN VILLASENOR AND GREG BURMANN / VALLEY STAR

THE WRONG SPOT - Valley College students that parked in restricted zones such as the faculty and staff parking lot are being fined, but where is all the money going?

JORGE GALLEGOS / VALLEY STAR

IN NEED - Superviser Tom Lopez runs a tight ship but needs funds to hire more custodians.

Custodians Wanted

■ Facilities Manager Tom Lopez runs a tight ship with a small crew.

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

Toilet stalls on campus outnumber the total amount of custodial positions. The key difference – all the stalls get occupied.

Valley College is short four custodians after four others quit in June, leaving the remaining 13 custodians to pick up the slack.

"The bathrooms are pretty dirty in the art building," said art history major Sofia Mas. Visual arts major Nicholas Viola couldn't be paid enough to go into a bathroom on

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VALLEY PEOPLE

A Family Thing

■ For these Monarch athletes, family is just as important as football.

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY AND SAM HAHN
STAFF WRITERS

Monarch football players, Laumoli Faleafaga and his cousin Karifi Ofagallo share their love of family, the dream of playing in the National Football League and the loss of their fathers at an early age.

The players made their way from Samoa to California to play football for Valley College.

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SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR

GENERAL IDEA - U.S. General George Casey, commander of the multinational force in Iraq greets an Iraqi Army officer outside the hospital of the war-torn city of Falluja Nov. 16, 2004.

FOR THE RECORD

Valley Says No to C-

■ Valley College's Academic Senate votes on C- grade issue.

The Valley College Academic Senate motioned to ratify the C- grading standard in transferable courses from CSUs Thursday.

Opposed to information stated in a Valley Star article in the Nov. 24 issue, the Senate never considered issuing C- grades to Valley students, but instead decided wherever the "C grade or better" grading standard applies, the grade of C- will not satisfy that standard.

"We cannot change the students' grades – the decision is if the transcript comes with a C- and whether it does or does not meet Valley's C standard," according to Sheri Berger, math instructor and member of the Valley College Curriculum Council.

There are no plus- or minus grades in Valley's grading system.

Though CSUs issue C- grades, it is not acceptable for Valley students to transfer to a CSU with a C- grade; CSUs make it clear in their admissions literature that a C- is not acceptable and must be repeated for a passing grade.

NEWS REEL

WORLD:

U.S. military officials believe they have found the house in central Falluja that was the site of the beheading of Briton Kenneth Bigley. Bigley was kidnapped in Baghdad last month with two American colleagues, Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong, who were also beheaded.

NATIONAL:

A Boston radio-station owner who admitted stealing millions of dollars from local investors appeared in federal court Monday. Bradford Bleidt faces charges of mail fraud. If he's convicted, he could spend 20 years in prison.

STATE:

A storm blanketed the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains east of Los Angeles with 3 feet of snow. The storm developed in British Columbia and swept into Nevada before reaching California.

CAMPUS EYE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday Nov. 23, 12: 45 p.m. at CC104.

TECHNOLOGY MEETING:
Wednesday Nov. 24, 1: 30 p.m. at PMRC.

TEXTBOOKS AND LEARNING BROWN BAG LUNCH:
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. at the Faculty Lounge.

"HOWL-IN":
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. at Monarch Square.

SOLDIER MEMORIAL:
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 12 p.m. at Monarch Square.

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS TREE SALE:
Friday, Nov. 26, Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday Nov. 28, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. at Parking Lot G.

THINK TRANSFER

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CAREER TRANSFER CENTER AT (818) 947-2646

UC FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:
Monday Nov. 29, 5: 30 p.m. at Career Transfer Center.

APPLICATION WORKSHOP:
Tuesday Nov. 30, 1 p.m. at Career Transfer Center.

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UC SAN DIEGO:
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DEADLINE FOR UC AND PRIORITY CSU APPLICATION IS NOV. 30!

Thanksgiving: A Time to Come Together

■ **Valley College's Child Development Center hosted its fourth annual Thanksgiving luncheon promoting sharing and unity.**

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

Valley College's Child Development Center brought a little piece of Thanksgiving to the campus on Tuesday to celebrate culture, community and great food.

"I'm impressed, that we even have this celebration,' said Valley student LaTanya Montgomery. "We're going to have Thanksgiving at home but this gives me a chance to share my food and meet some of the parents."

Parents, children, teachers and staff enjoyed a fun filled hour of social interaction in a time of sharing.

"This is my first thanksgiving at Valley," said substitute teacher, Barbara Herman. "Kids and parents really looked forward to the event."

The center's goal for organizing this type of social affair is to give parents an opportunity to meet other parents and see their children interact with their peers.

"We try to have events like this to share culture and get together," said Child Development Director Terry Teplin. "We encourage any chance we have for parents and children to interact. We want parents to feel like the center is an extended family."

Small tables were provided for the children and the food was served banquet style. Dishes included thanksgiving favorites such as turkey and stuffing and also cultural favorites like tamales from Mexico and Ethiopian bread.

"I've never had ethiopian bread," said child development major and mother of two, Claudia Lopera.

"The entire experience was 'buenisima,'" she added.

This is the fourth year the Child Development Center has had a Thanksgiving luncheon. Everyone who wishes to participate is welcome, parents are asked to bring in a dish representative of their culture or donate desserts to share.

"All of the parents get together, and represent their cultures by bringing different foods," said teacher's assistant and child development major, Brenda Magaña. "It's a good experience."

JORGE GALLEGOS / VALLEY STAR

THANKSGIVING- Food coordinator Gohar Militonyan cuts turkey during the fourth annual Thanksgiving feast held by the Child Development Center Nov. 23.

Kids Await Arrival of New Sports Yard

■ **Child Development Center needs additional funding to build new sports court for school-aged kids.**

GREG BURMANN / VALLEY STAR

SCARY DRESSING - Ryana Carradine dresses a scarecrow at Valley's Child Development Center.

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
STAFF WRITER

Studies show that kids need physical exercise to grow, stating it's just as important as a well-balanced meal and a good night's sleep. Physical exercise is good for their bodies and minds.

The Child Development Center at Valley College is in the process of building a new sports court, yet the project is on hold until the additional $13,000 in matching funds is paid.

"I can't wait [for the sports yard], it will be wonderful for school-aged kids and older preschoolers," said Barbara Sklar-Danon, who has been a lead teacher at the center for 29 years. "Kids need to move their bodies."

From start to finish the project will take less than a month to complete, according to Center Director Terry Teplin.

The Child Development Center at Valley provides a safe environment in which student-parents can leave their children while they attend classes. The center has a well-rounded program for pre-school to school-aged kids. There are different group activities each day, like working on art projects and writing picture books

The new sports court will be modeled after the play yard at Laurence Elementary in Van Nuys. The goal is to create a safe new area for kids to play soccer, basketball, foursquare and table toys.

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CAMPUS CRIME

Cell Phone Bandit Still at Large

BY ADRIANA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

Petty Theft:

A student reported her cell phone stolen from the Lion's Den on Nov. 16 after she left the phone unattended between 9:30 a.m.- 10: 30 a.m. No one witnessed the incident and the suspect is still at large. The phone was valued at $300.

Car theft:

A student reported her car stolen from parking lot G on the afternoon of Nov. 15. The victim stated that upon returning from class, she noticed that her vehicle was missing. Although there was no description of the car, the police report stated that its estimated value was $15,000.

The West Hollywood sheriff's station prepared a report and the vehicle was entered into the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS). No witnesses have come forward and the suspect is still at large.

Vandalism:

A vending machine was vandalized near the behavioral science building on Nov. 15. Witnesses stated that an individual struck the vending machine with his knee causing the glass to shatter. The suspect was described as an Armenian male, wearing blue jeans, a white shirt and a blue jacket. A student matching the description was detained for investigation, but, he was later released when witnesses were unable to identify him.

The Valley College Sheriff's Department asks that anyone with information regarding any of these incidents to please call the department at (818) 947-2911.

Money Sense II

■ **Part two in a three-part series with money-making and savings tips for students.**

BY LYGEIA FERRAGALLO
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

From thrift stores to bartering, web groups and recycling, there are many ways students can save money with a little time and resourcefulness.

A few money-saving tips include subscribing to magazines through ebay.com, usually less than $6 for one- to three years, free or low-cost haircuts from beauty schools and free internet access from the library.

Books and Supplies

Books and supplies are necessary expenses that quickly add up. Resourceful students can find out from instructors if they will allow students to work from previous editions of required course textbooks, or students can buy used editions; this alone can save hundreds of dollars a semester.

Most bargains are found after shopping around for the best price; the Internet is a good place to begin your search. Try amazon.com, ebay.com, or half.com.

You may be surprised to find that Valley College's bookstore has competitive prices and matches or beats online prices, especially for used books. However, the cheapest solution for students is to check books out from Valley's library, if copies are available.

For supplies, students can forego the expensive name brand notebooks and settle for one with a Valley logo or visit a discount store, such as the 99¢ Only stores, which offer a variety of supplies including pens, calcula-

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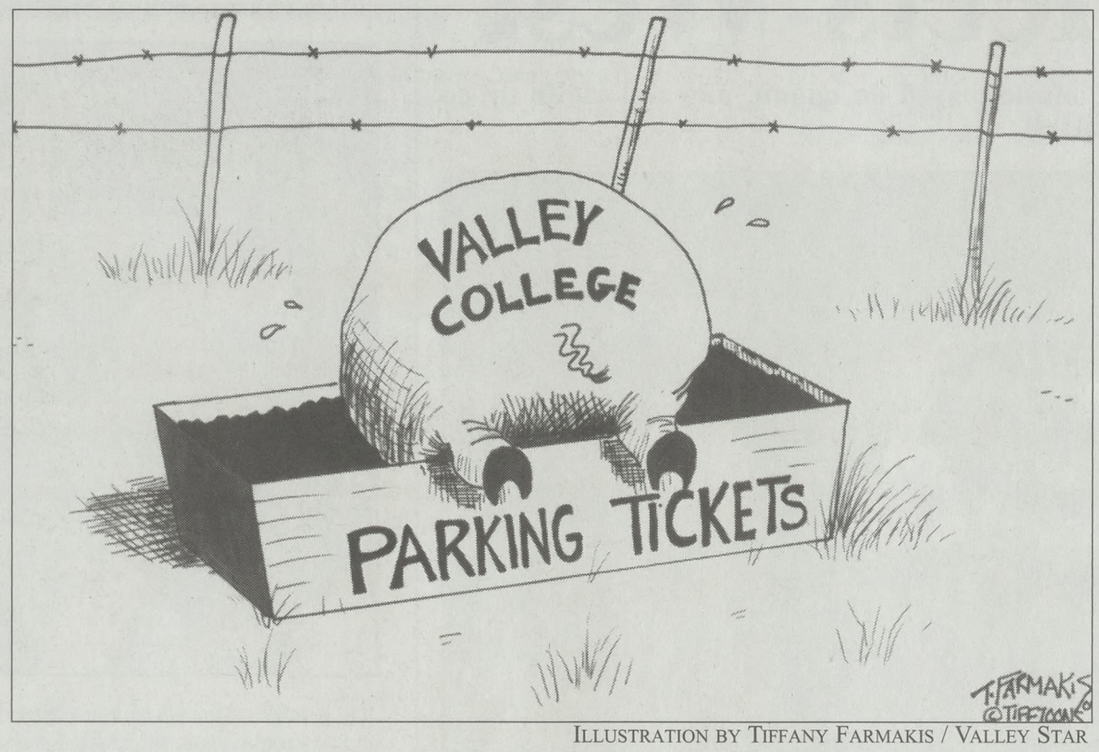
OPINION

Valley's Got The Ticket to Ride

■ **Campus parking fines are a cash cow for the Valley College administration with no payoff for students.**

BY SUSAN MALTBY
OPINION EDITOR



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It's time for students to unite and raise a collective whine in protest of the college's parking ticket scam. Afterwards, we'll recede in quiet resignation and borrow more money to pay our parking fines while our complaints are respectfully ignored.

Campus police have gone citation-happy lately. They've been handing out tickets faster than so many pirated DVDs at a Michael Moore rally.

According to a new report in this issue of the Valley Star, sheriffs have issued nearly 7,000 tickets in the past 10 months.

Assuming that the campus administration collects at least $30 per ticket, community college students will fork over more than $210,000 in fines this year alone.

Supposedly, those revenues are spent entirely on campus parking lot improvements, according to Vice President of Administration Tom Jacobsmeyer.

Get real. The only way it could possibly cost $200 grand to maintain the parking lot is if the contract was given to Halliburton and Cheyney himself was filling the potholes with a solid gold shovel.

Don't college administrators get it? We're broke, man. That's the very reason why we tried to save money by using last semester's expired parking pass. Which proves point B: Not only are we broke, but we're stupid, which explains why we need an education so badly in the first place.

A university degree is our only hope for a better lifestyle. We're not trying to get rich and famous - we're just working toward something beyond minimum wage wishes and deep fryer dreams.

As if it's not bad enough that students lost the statewide battle against horrific fee hikes, every day we get bilked on books, swindled on vending machine sweets and conned out of cafeteria cash.

Not to mention the fact that those of us who can afford cars end up spending more on gas each month than our entire car payment.

Turning our overcrowded parking lots into a source of bonus revenue is taking the whole ripping-off-students racket a little too far. What's next? A late homework fee?

It's sad that the money from parking fines couldn't somehow be used to lower the cost of education. That way, more students could actually afford to buy a math textbook. Then they'd figure out that the cost of a parking pass for the whole semester is way cheaper than even just one ticket.

Come on, gang. Let's fight this. We'll even order pizza after the protest rally. Let's make some signs: Hey ticketers, leave those kids alone.

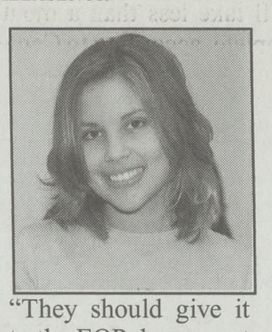
Campus View

PHOTOS BY DAN VILLASENOR

How should parking ticket revenues be spent?

" I think that a certain percentage should go to all the deparments."

-Sarah Jenkins

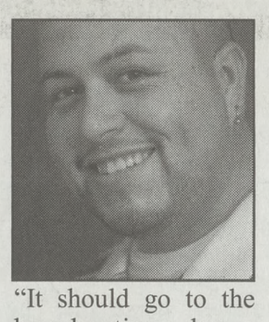


"They should give it to the EOP deparment because we really need the money."

-Cindy Miranda

"I think that the money should given out as scholarships to outstanding students."

-Heidi Pineda



"It should go to the broadcasting deparment to help buy new equipment such as new cameras."

-Victor Flores

ALL THE NEWS THAT GIVES US FITS

Assisted Suicide: Whose Choice Is It Anyway?

■ **A proposed law would make the practice legal in California; the Bush administration wants to kill it.**

BY KATHARINE ANDERSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Life is a beautiful thing. Life is a gift. Who hasn't heard that at one point in their life?

But to a dying person in immense pain, is another day of life really a gift?

That is the question being debated now.

Next month two California lawmakers, Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, D-Van Nuys, and Assemblywoman Patty Berg, D-Santa Rosa, plan to introduce a bill to legalize assisted suicide for terminally ill individuals.

The bill is based on the Oregon law known as the Death With Dignity Act. Since the law passed in 1997, more than 170 people have used it to end their lives.

Oregon's law allows terminally ill patients with less than six months to live to receive life-ending prescription drugs after their diagnosis is confirmed by two doctors and they are deemed mentally competent.

The Bush administration does not approve, arguing that assisted suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose," further stating that doctors take an oath to heal, not kill.

Well, who are they to decide?

They are not the patients. Nor do they experience the agony that many of these patients suffer daily.

So, what right does anyone have to decide whether a dying person suffers another day?

No right whatsoever.

And yet, the Bush administration has appealed to the Supreme Court to block Oregon's law, even though voters approved it.

... the choice to suffer day after day belongs to the individual ...

Translate that to mean the Bush administration doesn't care what the voters think; only what they think is right.

Wrong.

There is no clear right or wrong with assisted suicide. It is the patient's choice.

If laws need to be passed to protect doctors from prosecution, then pass the laws.

Physicians should not be held responsible if they make the personal choice that assisting another person with ending their misery is the right thing to do. Doctors have the knowledge and can help a patient pass on without the pain that a normal suicide could entail. They can guide and counsel the patient about the impact that their choice will have on their family. They can help.

Besides, ending the patient's misery is a form of healing. It is stopping the pain. It gives the family the opportunity to heal without witnessing their loved one's continual, constant decline.

"We wouldn't be [introducing the bill] if we didn't think we could get it passed," said Stuart Waldman, chief of staff for Levine, in a Sacramento Bureau article. "There's a lot of concern that terminally ill people are suffering needlessly."

They are suffering needlessly. Their families are suffering needlessly.

Every day that these patients families watch helplessly as their loved ones suffer is excruciating.

Ultimately, the choice to suffer day after day belongs to the individual and no one should take that choice away.

The Bush administration should direct its resources to better suited projects like keeping America safe.

Allow citizens to keep their freedom to choose.

California's Hope Endowment

■ **Angelides vows to renew the hope, promise and dream of affordable higher education.**

Capitol Opinion By Treasurer Phil Angelides

Never before has obtaining a college education been so critical to the future of our young people and California. With a college degree, students will see their lifetime earnings increase more than 75 percent over the earnings of their classmates that stop with a high school education. Yet, today, for too many students, the dream of attending college seems out of reach. One-in-five California children lives in poverty. One-in-four is an English-language learner. Two-in-five have parents who did not attend college, parents who want their children to go to college but who might not be able to help them prepare and apply.

To compete in the 21st century economy, our state needs the best-trained teachers, engineers, scientists and business people. California should be opening the college door wider to more students, but we are moving in the wrong direction. The state budget that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger pushed through this year includes enrollment cuts, reductions in course offerings and financial aid and steep fee hikes for students at the University of California, California State University, and community college systems.

"We must reverse this trend and make a college education a reality for more, not fewer young Californians."

Because higher education is one of the few major areas of the budget not protected by constitutional guarantees or federal law, our colleges and universities are unprotected from attack and vulnerable to further cuts.

We must reverse this trend and make a college education a reality for more, not fewer young Californians.

That is why I have proposed the creation of a new California Hope Endowment to renew the promise and secure the dream of a college education for every young Californian. The California Hope Endowment would turn neglected and mismanaged public assets – state-owned real estate – into an endowment that could provide up to $2 billion over the next decade for initiatives like outreach, college preparation and counseling or scholarships that expand college opportunity. The Endowment would provide funding over and above the amounts that the state currently spends on higher education, including the amounts that Gov. Schwarzenegger has promised in his recent compacts with UC and CSU. Funded initially with $5 billion in state-owned property, the California Hope Endowment would be the seventh largest university endowment in the country.

Used as financial aid, for example, the Endowment's annual revenues would be enough to provide a full-fee scholarship to 385,000 California community college students, or pay full fees and other costs for 19,000 CSU students each year.

This is far from a brand new concept. In 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln and Congress wanted to expand access to higher education for workers and farmers, they passed the Morrill Act, which granted public lands to the states to support the creation of the University of California and other "land grant" colleges across the nation.

Today, I am proposing a land grant for the 21st century: The California Hope Endowment would renew the commitment made more than 140 years ago – again directing a portion of our public assets to a great public purpose: the education of our young people.

In addition to providing much-needed funds to help provide more opportunities for California students to prepare for and attend college, I hope my proposal will spark a renewed debate about how our state should meet the powerful challenge of opening the college door wider to more of our young people.

It is critical that you, as college students, be engaged in this debate, as this matter affects you directly. California's economic strength in the decades ahead – when you will be in the workforce – depends in large part on the investments in education we make now to ensure California's competitive position in the global marketplace of the future.

Legislation to enact my California Hope Endowment proposal will be introduced in the legislature this fall. I hope you will take the time to read the complete proposal (www.treasurer.ca.gov/calhope), and contact Gov. Schwarzenegger and your representatives in the California legislature to help steer this debate in the right direction – so more, not fewer young Californians will see their dreams of college realized.

Visit www.leginfo.ca.gov to locate your representatives in the state legislature.

Letter to the Editor

Kudos to writer Tiffany Farmakis and photographer Bob Teichmann for an accurate and engaging portrayal of Jeanne Rubin.

As a student at Valley College for the last few years, I have come to know Jeanne as a very receptive and extremely knowledgeable representative of the President's Office. I have gone to her on a number of occasions with complaints about certain aspects of campus life (e.g., student smoking in posted non-smoking areas, unsanitary conditions in the cafeteria at particular times of the day, etc.) Jeanne is always responsive and quick to follow up with the proper people or departments.

At other times, I have just stopped by to tell her how much I'm enjoying a particular class or to leave a small donation to help support the Math Lab or the Music Department's Concert Series.

But here's the problem: Jeanne is always so gracious, informative, and attentive that sometimes it's hard to remember that we both have work to do!

Lynn Kessler,
LAVC Student

WE'RE NOT PSYCHIC

So tell us what's on your mind! Contact The Valley Star at thevalleystar@yahoo.com, drop by the newsroom at BJ114 or call us at (818) 947-2576.

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Friday, Nov. 26

Yellowcard
6 p.m.
Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood
$20

Social Distortion
8 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
$25

Saturday, Nov. 27

Scorpions with Tesla and Keith Emerson
7:45 p.m.
Universal Amphitheatre, Universal City
$45.50 - $65.50

Social Distortion
8 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
$25

Sunday, Nov. 28

Social Distortion
8 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
$25

Monday, Nov. 29

Everclear
7 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip, Hollywood
$25

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Performance Workshop Concert
11:20 a.m.
Music Recital Hall, Valley College

Linkin Park & Jay-Z
Album Release
Collision Course
Warner Brothers

Thursday, Dec. 2

H.I.M. (His Infernal Majesty)
8 p.m.
Avalon Hollywood, Hollywood
$25

Friday, Dec. 3

"Closer"
Film Release
Julia Roberts
Dir. Mike Nichols
Columbia Pictures

Saturday, Dec. 4

H.I.M. (His Infernal Majesty)
8 p.m.
Avalon Hollywood, Hollywood
$25

Sunday, Dec. 5

Me Without You
6:30 p.m.
Troubadour, West Hollywood
$10

Monday, Dec. 6

DJ Quik
7 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip, Hollywood
$25

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Death By Stereo
7 p.m.
Whisky, Hollywood
$13

Weakerthans
7:45 p.m.
El Rey Theatre, Los Angeles

B.B. King
Album Release
Gospel Blues
Platinum Disc

Elvis Costello
Album Release
Delivery Man
Universal International

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East Meets West

■ **Haunting sounds of Arabic music played on qanun, nay and violin grace Valley College's Music Recital Hall.**

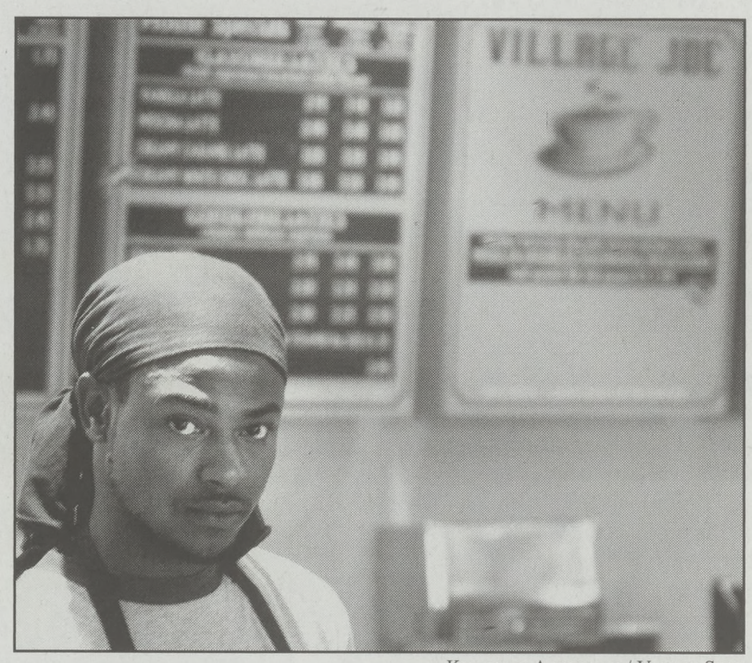
SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR

BRINGING EASTERN MUSIC HOME - The Baalbek Ensemble is (L to R) Joseph Chamaa (violin), Adel Chawki (nay) , Fahd Shaaban (qanun) , Maurice Mitri (oud) , Victoria Carter (daff) and Souhail Kaspar (tabla). Baalbek is an extension of MESTO (Multi-Ethic Star Orchestra) reduced to a small ensemble.

CAFÈ REVIEW

Enter Joe's Village

■ **Village Joe's provides an alternative to name-brand coffee chains such as Starbuck's.**



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JOE KNOWS - Duncan Garrett, cashier at Village Joe's at Burbank Boulevard. and Whitsett Avenue, counts his tips and closes shop for the day.

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
STAFF WRITER

One of the first questions new customers ask Village Joe owner Jennifer Goldsmith is "Who's Joe?"

"It's another word for coffee," said Goldsmith. "Excellent quality espresso drinks and coffee - that's our goal."

Goldsmith and her husband, Nowell Grossman, opened this charming café as an alternative to the larger chain of coffee places, like Starbucks.

Step inside and you'll discover that this neighborhood spot is definitely a nice change of pace. The café tables, display of artwork on the walls,

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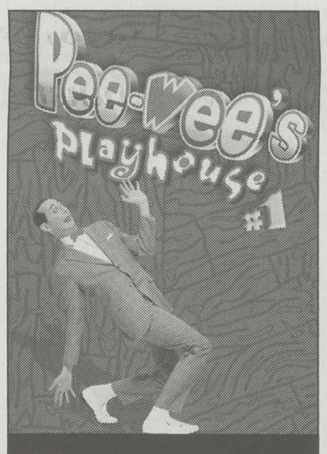
DVD REVIEW

Pee-wee's Back in Action

■ **Cult classic returns to inspire a whole new generation of viewers.**



"Pee-wee's Playhouse" Box DVD
Paul Reubens
Image Entertainment
★★★★

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

The secret word is "comeback" and for comedian Paul Reubens it has been long overdue.

Reubens, the man behind the bow-tied, rouge-cheeked Pee-wee Herman, finally took his alter ego out of the closet to inspire a whole new generation with the DVD release of all 45 episodes of "Pee-wee's Playhouse."

Fans can once again scream the secret word and relive all the fun-filled antics of the innovative show. The two-box DVD set includes seasons 1-5 along with eight unaired episodes. While "Pee-wee's Playhouse" has been available on VHS, this is the first time the cult series is available in both formats.

The DVD release is Reubens' first big adventure since his infamous misadventure in a movie theatre over a decade ago. In 1991, Reubens was arrested for indecent exposure at an adult cinema.

After his arrest and conviction, Reubens became a nonentity appearing only in minor roles and voice-overs. It wasn't until "Mystery Men" came out in 1999 when Reubens, portraying amateur superhero Spleen, gained some recognition.

No matter what role he decides to do, Reubens will always be known to viewers as his quirky, childlike persona, Pee-wee Herman.

In the mid-1980s, Saturday morning television was turned upside down by the arrival of Pee-wee Herman and his surrealistic playhouse. The show was a flamboyant take-off of children's educational television; think Mr. Roger's Neighborhood meets MTV. The endearing Pee-wee welcomed viewers into his Technicolor fantasy-land and led them through crafts, games, cartoon clips, secret words, and 'educational' adventures via his Magic Screen.

Winning 22 Emmy awards during its run on CBS from 1986-91, Pee-wee's Playhouse incorporated clips from vintage cartoons, old educational films, inanimate objects including a globe and a chair that sprang to life, hand puppets, marionettes, and a cast of delightfully eccen-

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THE HOT SPOT

A Walk to Remember

■ **Universal City Walk has everything from restaurants and live entertainment to clothing and novalty shops, and it's just around the corner.**

BY CHELSEA BANKS
STAFF WRITER

If you're a native to the San Fernando Valley, you may be missing out on something right under your nose. Universal City Walk is always full of entertainment, no matter what time of the year it is.

The next-door neighbor of Universal Studios, City Walk is a strip of colorful brick walkway and music pumping from every direction. Lined with stores, eateries, and other forms of entertainment, it's a major summer- and holiday tourist attraction and a local yokel hang-out year-round.

It's a place that you can usually find picture-snapping tourists, rambunctious pre-teens, families on outings and mushy love-birds all looking for entertainment in some form.

Among the park's attractions are a bowling alley, big screen television which when not airing pro-league sports games plays a constant stream of music videos, and an ice-skating rink that is open during the winter.

There are 14 restaurants and 17 other places to eat, offering food from virtually every region, including Chinese, Indian, Mexican and Italian. Java-lovers can choose between The Coffee Bean or Starbuck's .

The restaurants are designed for entertainment purposes, encouraging crowd participation with music and dancing.

The Hard Rock is the most fun. Not only does it have an assorted menu with everything from simple burgers and fries to blackened chicken

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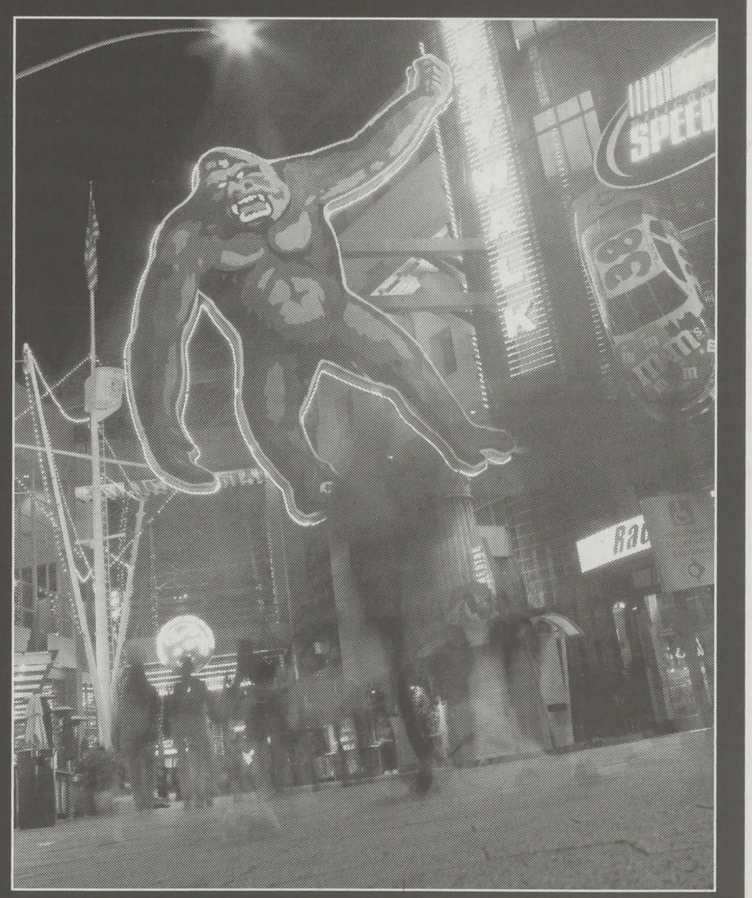

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CITY LIGHTS - City Walk, located at Universal Studios Hollywood, is a popular destination with something to offer everyone.

Fight Like a Squirrel

TIFFANY FARMAKIS / VALLEY STAR

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OH WHAT NOW!?
I FOUND A NEW EVIL GUY IN TOWN!
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OH NO!! HE LEFT HIS CALLING CARD IN THE MAILBOX!!
LORD MOE: SUPERVILLAIN EXTRAORDINAIRE!!
HMM... THIS GUY ISN'T MUCH FOR SUBTLETY.
I KNOW! ON THE BACK OF THE CARD, HE GIVES DIRECTIONS TO HIS SECRET EVIL LAIR!!
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T.FARMAKIS '04

Sports Yard
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"The area is right next to the building, it's really well lit," said Teplin. "It's a wonderful space and we're pretty lucky to be able to utilize that."

Through Student Services Assistant Dorothy Bates' and Teplin's efforts, the center has been awarded a $20,000 grant from The Orfalea Fund to purchase and install play yard equipment. That money will be paid when an additional $20,000 in matching funds has been received.

The Patrons Association has contributed $7,000 towards the match grant.

The newly combined 4- to 5-year-old and school-aged classroom looks directly out to the empty yard where the sports court is waiting to be built.

"It's perfect," said teacher's assistant Joy Kavianian. "[It's] easy for one teacher to be out in the yard and one in the class, it makes a huge difference."

The school has helped to resurface the cracked asphalt and pull out the bottlebrush trees in the area where the sports yard will be, saving the center $10,000, according to Teplin. [Terry is going to give me more info and the names of who did the work]

"[It's been] a dream for many years,[we] didn't think it would happen," said Sklar-Danon. "Terry really focused on it for a year to get it underway, that's what it takes."

Part of the center's philosophy is that each child needs to develop a healthy sense of self-esteem, independence and competence, which help him or her to feel confident and self-reliant. Movement has as much to do with thinking as it does with developing muscular skills, according to center experts.

Kids who enjoy sports and exercise tend to stay active throughout their lives, according to the Kids Health website. Staying fit can help to improve a child's self-esteem and decrease risks of serious illnesses later in life. In addition, regular physical activity at any age can help children learn to play and meet challenges.

"That's how they learn," said Teplin, "let them move and be kids, have fun in a safe area."

Tickets
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improvements.

"The funds were used for the repair of potholes and drainage, as well as maintenance and clean-up in the parking lot areas,"said Jacobsmeyer.

"The East Los Angeles campus dispenses the largest amount of parking citations because they are a much larger campus," Jacobsmeyer said. "Due to the size of our campus, the amount of citations given out here iswithin range."

Students have suggested that some of this money should be spent on providing better lighting in the parking areas for night students and opening up more parking spaces to facilitate easier access to classrooms, saving students time. One Valley alumnus even joked about going into competition by opening his own parking lot.

Sherrif's Security Officer Roger Tompkins recommended that, for students to avoid ticketing problems, "make sure your permits are clearly displayed and up to date; be sure to park in the appropriate parking lots, and also keep your valuables out of sight and secured to avoid theft."

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Transfer
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the transfer center was a construction zone," said Saltoun. During building renovations, the CTC was minimally staffed until it reopened in March, way past the transfer application period. "We were limping along," said Saltoun. "Some students had to be counseled in the hall."

Another reason for the transfer rate decline is higher university admission standards. "Because of the budget crisis, universities weren't admitting as many students," said Saltoun. "CSUN sent out a letter to notify students that they would need 60 units to transfer instead of 56. Then they rescinded the letter just before school started," she added. "They may have lost a lot of students because of miscommunication and policy changes."

The UC admission deadline and CSU priority admission deadline for the fall semester is Nov. 30. The CTC is better equipped this year so students can get the needed transfer assistance.

"The fall 2004 acceptance rate for UCLA is up from fall 2003," said Saltoun. "We hope that signals a turnaround for the admission rates."

Students interested in transferring can visit the career transfer center located in the Administration Building, room 126.

Custodians
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campus because "they are so stinky."

Ideally, Facilities Manager Tom Lopez would like 21 full-time custodians, but he will settle for 17. Four custodians have been approved for employment and two are already working.

With the work orders piling up, restrooms understocked, and unsanitary conditions prevailing in common areas, Lopez is feeling the stress.

"We can do a good job [cleaning the campus] but we need resources," said Lopez. "If we don't get resources, we're not going to have a fighting chance to keep these buildings up and complaints will increase."

The problem started in June when four custodians quit because of schedule changes and C-shift – 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. – was cancelled, according to Lopez.

Though the custodians quit several months ago, Lopez said the rehiring process is lengthy.

"I first submitted the request in August, then it had to be reviewed, and finally I waited for an answer and didn't hear back until September when the school started, making it difficult to work around classes," said Lopez.

The early morning A-shift crew has two hours to clean restrooms and classrooms before students begin class at 8 a.m. A-shift custodians aren't only responsible for completing their cleaning assignments; each custodian must also tend to his individual tasks from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lopez said having more people on staff would increase productivity in labor, especially

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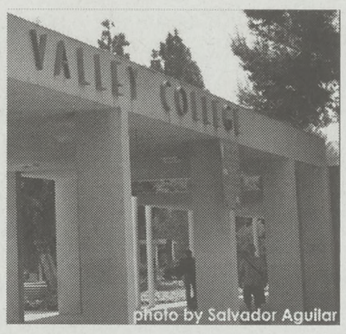

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LAVC SCORES

M.Basketball@Fullerton Classic
11/18-20/04
vs. Pasadena **(90-69 Valley)**
vs. Fullerton **(80-69 Fullerton)**
vs. L.A. Southwest **(88-64 Southwest)**
M.Basketball record: 1-2

W.Basketball@SBCC Tip-Off Classic
vs. Irvine Valley **(59-51 Valley)**
Lady Monarchs win SBCC Tip-Off Classic
Championship MVP: Natasha Thomas
W.Basketball record: 6-1

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 11/24/04
No Scheduled Games
Thursday 11/25/04
No Scheduled Games
Friday 11/26/04
M.Basketball@Condor Classic TBA
Saturday 11/27/04
M.Basketball@Condor Classic TBA
Sunday 11/28/04
M.Basketball@Condor Classic TBA
Monday 11/29/04
No Scheduled Games
Tuesday 11/30/04
No Scheduled Games
Wednesday 12/01/04
No Scheduled Games
Thursday 12/02/04
W.Basketball@Sequoias Fall Classic TBA
Friday 12/03/04
W.Basketball@Sequoias Fall Classic TBA
Saturday 12/04/04
W.Basketball@Sequoias Fall Classic TBA
M.Basketball@Allan Hancock 7 p.m.
Sunday 12/05/04
W.Basketball@Sequoias Fall Classic TBA
Monday 12/06/04
No Scheduled Games
Tuesday 12/07/04
M.Basketball@Riverside Classic TBA
Wednesday 12/08/04
M.Basketball@Riverside Classic TBA
Thursday 12/09/04
M.Basketball@Riverside Classic TBA
Friday 12/10/04
M.Basketball@Riverside Classic TBA
W.Basketball@Moorpark Classic TBA
Saturday 12/11/04
M.Basketball@Riverside Classic TBA
W.Basketball@Moorpark Classic TBA
Sunday 12/12/04
W.Basketball@Moorpark Classic TBA
Monday 12/13/04
No Scheduled Games
Tuesday 12/14/04
M.Basketball vs. L.A. Harbor 7 p.m.
* WSC Game

Pro Scores

NFL Week 11
(11/21-22/2004)

Pitsburg@Cincinnati
(19-14 PIT)
PIT-B.Roethlisberger:(15-21 passing, 138 yards)
PIT-J.Bettis:(29 carries, 129 yards)
CIN-C.Palmer:(13-25 passing, 165 yards)
CIN-C.Johnson:(8 catches, 50 yards)

Arizona@Caroline
(30-10 CAR)
ARI-S.King:(28-52 passing, 343 yards)
ARI-L.Fitzgerald:(7 catches, 92 yards)
CAR-J.Delhomme:(12-25 passing, 157 yards)
CAR-N.Goings:(22 carries, 121 yards)

Atlanta@New York Giants
(14-10 ATL)
ATL-M.Vick:(12-20 passing, 115 yards)
ATL-M.Vick:(15 carries, 104 yards)
NYG-E.Manning:(17-37 passing, 162 yards)
NYG-T.Barber:(21 carries, 107 yards)

Dallas@Baltimore
(30-10 BAL)
DAL-V.Testaverde:(9-22 passing, 109 yards)
DAL-J.Jones:(30 carries, 80 yards)
BAL-K.Boller:(23-34, 232 yards)
BAL-T.Taylor: (6 catches, 68 yards)

Denver@New Orleans
(34-13 DEN)
DEN-J.Plummer:(19-29, 224 yards)
DEN-R.Droughns:(28 carries, 166 yards)
NO-A.Brooks:(34-50 passing, 337 yards)
NO-D.Stallworth:(10 catches, 122 yards)

Notes

NBA
Indiana Pacer Ron Artest, Steven Jackson, and Jermaine O'Neal were suspended after a fight broke out late in Friday's game Indiana Pacer and Detroit Pistons game. Artest was suspended for the remainder of the season, Jackson for 30 games, and O'Neal for 25.

NCAA Football
South Carolina has signed former Florida Gator head coach Steve Spurrier to a 7-year deal. Spurrier, who is taking over the program from Lou Holtz will be making exactly 1.25 million dollars a year.

NFL
Clevend Browns head coach is on the verge of being fired from the Browns organization sources close to the organization said. Davis has amassed a 23-35 record in his three seasons as head coach.

Monarchs Open Season 1-2

■ Valley opens season with a fourth place finish at the Fullerton Classic as Monarchs lose two out of three.

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS WRITER

The Monarch basketball team opened its 2004-05 season with a fourth-place finish at the Fullerton Classic. Valley saw its early-season record fall to 1-2 after losing 88-64 to the L.A. Southwest Cougars Saturday.

"We actually got off to a good start," said head coach Glen Hefferman. "[The team] played three ranked teams, and we put up a good fight in each game."

After opening the tournament with a convincing 90-69 win over the Pasadena Lancers, the Monarchs struggled against host Fullerton Hornets and fell 80-69 Friday night.

"The team started off slow," said freshman guard Dante Childress (16 points, 5 rebounds,7-13 shooting). "We as a team really couldn't get into our offense because the team tried to rush everything tonight."

Valley struggled as the Hornets jumped to a 20-5 lead. Fouls and costly turnovers derailed the Monarchs' offense early on.

"Well, we didn't play a lot of team defense, said freshman forward Michael Martin (16 points, 7 rebounds, 8-25 shooting). "As a team, we needed to come and work together, but for some reason we failed to do so. Our defense really hurt us."

The Monarchs struggled throughout the game as the Valley converted just 40 percent of its field goals (27-67), as Valley trailed by as much as 20 points during the game.

Refusing to go down quietly, the Monarchs chipped away at the Hornets' double-digit lead several times during the game. Valley got within nine points several times in the second half.

The Hornets maintained the lead due to the numerous fouls and turnovers that stopped any type of momentum that the Monarchs built during the second half.

"The guys on the team needed to calm down and work together on the court," said Martin. "But, we seemed to have a problem focusing on what we had to do."

"Fullerton was a better team," said Childress. "We couldn't get into our offensive because we tried to rush everything."

Even with the slow start, the Monarchs remain positive.

"It's only three games into the season," said Hefferman. "We have good chemistry amongst our players, and we as coaching staff need to work with the team in order to improve. We're going to have to play about 10 games in order to see what this basketball team is capable of."

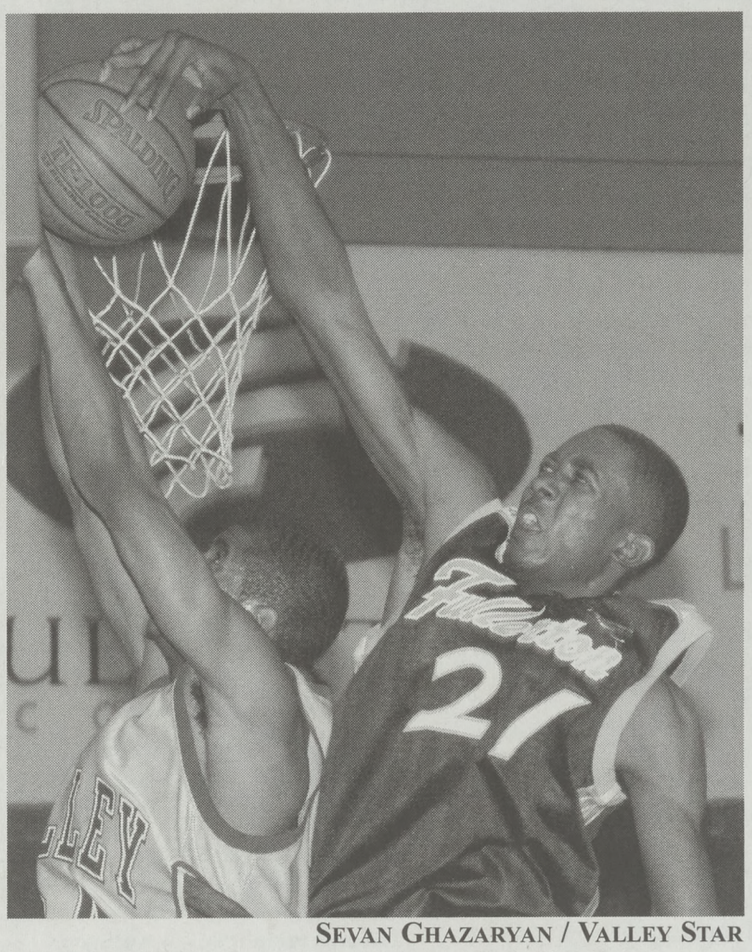
Returning sophomore Aaron Johnson said that players needed to step up in order to be successful.

"Someone has to come up big and take a leadership role in order for us to be successful," said Johnson. "All we have to do is remain positive. Losses like this come and go, but if we learn from them, we'll be successful during the season."

Coach Hefferman said it's easier to stay positive when the team plays hard and is looking forward to watching his players compete at the next tournament.

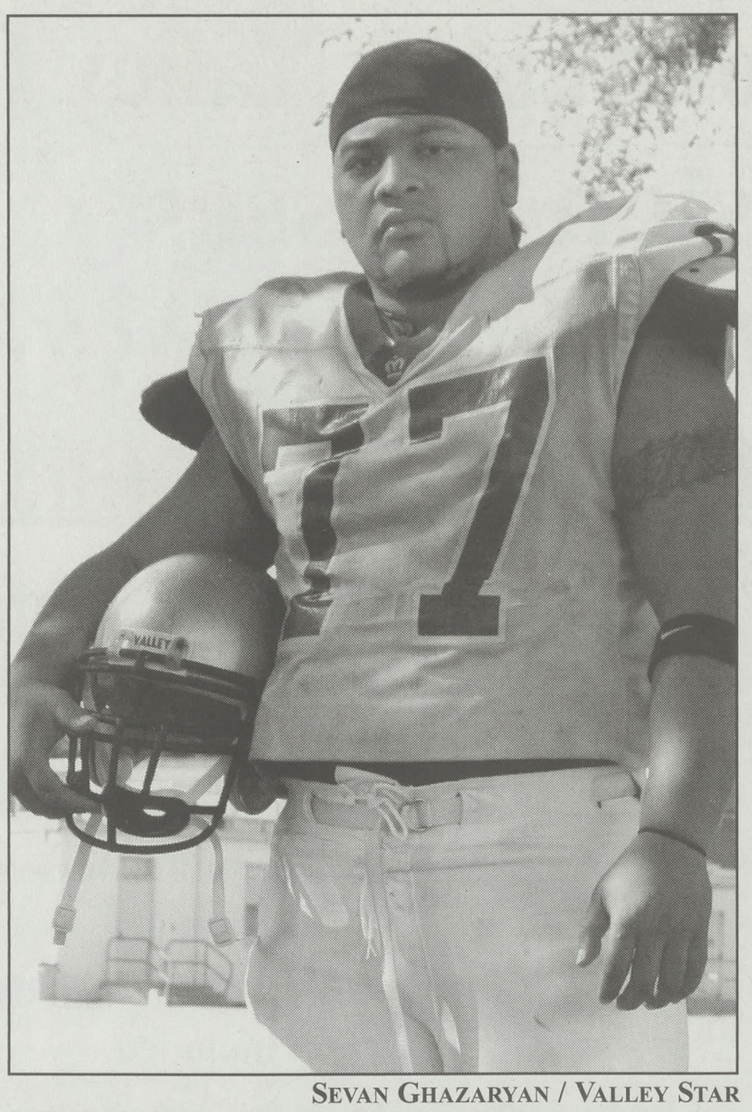
"Though we struggled during the tournament, and we finished in fourth place, I'm happy with the way we played," he said.

Valley will continue tournament play, as the Monarchs travel to Oxnard to compete in the Condor Classic Nov. 26 - 28.



SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR
ACCESS DENIED- Hornets' center Michael Earl, 21, rejects Monarchs' forward Charles Hamilton, 24, and puts a stop to a late

A Monarch Family Affair



SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR
IMPACT PLAYER- Defensive tackle Laumoli Faleafaga looks to take his game to the next level after finishing the 2004 football season.

'Family'

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At a family reunion, both families came together. Faleafaga was surprised to see Ofagalilo arrive.

When Faleafaga's mother asked how he knew Ofagalilo, Faleafaga confidently answered, "He's my best friend."

They both have a tough exterior but their strength of character is as powerful off the field as it is on. When it comes to their family, both Faleafaga and Ofagalilo aren't afraid to show their sensitive sides.

Both Faleafaga's and Ofagalilo's mothers formed a sisterly bond as they were alone, struggling to take care of their kids and work at the same time. Together, they found strength in each other.

"It's the same thing Kirifi and I are doing right now," said Faleafaga.

"I'm from a family I really respect and [that] part of our culture is the most important thing," Faleafaga added.

After hearing their older brothers rave about winning a state championship, Faleafaga and Ofagalilo decided to try football for themselves, getting a chance in their senior year as Ofagalilo was named offensive player of the year as their team made it to the state championship game.

When they heard about Samoans that made it to the NFL, such as Miami Dolphin's linebacker Junior Seau, and Oakland Raider quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo, they both became motivated to achieve that level of greatness.

"That's what makes us want to play more and more," said Faleafaga.

The two decided to come to the United States because there were no college football programs in their home of Pago, Pago.

Their opportunity came when College of the Canyons' defensive coordinator Leon Criner received a tape made by Faleafaga and Ofagalilo's high school coach.

Criner recruited both players to play for Canyons where they helped lead the Cougars to an 11-1 record in 2003 and trip to the state championship game.

When Faleafaga returned home to his family last Christmas for the holidays, he struggled with the decision to return to the mainland. He got the answer he was looking for when Criner invited Faleafaga to come with him to Valley College.

Criner has been like a father to both Faleafaga and Ofaglilo as he has helped them with school, football and their futures.

"Wherever he goes I go," confidently stated both Faleafaga and Ofaglilo.

When Ofaglilo heard that Faleafaga was going to make the trip to Valley, he decided to follow in his footsteps.

"He's like my little brother, we're really close," Faleafaga commented on Ofaglilo.

That closeness comes from the love and support of their families.

Faleafaga's eyes fills with tears and his voice softens as he talks about his mother and how she was always an angel to him.

"Every time I feel like quitting, my mom is always there. She's like the wheels of a cart, they always stay the same," said Faleafaga.

This is the same lesson that his father has taught Faleafaga.

"My dad always told me to put my family first," he said. "He showed me how to be a man, he showed me responsibility."

Whatever happens, they are making both their families proud.

"Wherever, I succeed, I'll take it home," said Faleafaga. "I'll know she won't hear this, but I just want to say, I really love my mom."

Faleafaga looks to move on to a Division-1 school after the completion of the football season.

Ofaglilo, who sat out this season red-shirting, looks to make an impact for the Monarchs next season.

AN OPINION

Cagers out of Control

■ Indiana Pacer loses more than $5 million due to suspension.

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS EDITOR

One of the ugliest acts of sports violence was not displayed in a caged World Wrestling Entertainment event. It appeared on the nationally televised NBA game Friday night between the Detroit Pistons and the Indiana Pacers.

The Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest, Steven Jackson, and Jermaine O'Neal got into a brawl with several fans at the Palace in Auburn Hills not long after Artest fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace in a blow-out game that was controlled by the Pacers.

As Artest and Jackson scuffled with several fans in the stands, things took a turn for the worse. Fans and players were fighting on and off the court. All hell broke loose as fans started to throw beer, popcorn, and even a chair onto the floor while other players attempted to leave the court unscathed.

"Maybe the NBA should go back to playing in a cage..."

Hold on for a quick second. This is the same Ron Artest who asked the Indiana Pacer organization for a month off to promote his new rap album. During last week's ESPN interview, Artest boldly stated, "I'm my own man; if I want to take some time off, that doesn't make me crazy."

And he's the same player who received a 12-game suspension after accumulating numerous flagrant fouls during the 2002-2003 season. Artest was suspended for the remainder of the season without pay for his actions Friday night, which will cost the player more than $5 million. Jackson was suspended for 30 games and O'Neal for 25. Wallace was let off with a slightly softer penalty suffering only a six-game suspension.

With that said, who can we blame for the outburst of foolishness that occurred Friday night? Well, it's easy to point the finger at the fans because they were acting stupid while drunk. Or, one can blame the players for losing their cool and going into the stands.

One thing is certain. The NBA needs to assess this situation and figure out ways to prevent future fan vs. player altercations. Fans should be banned from stepping onto a court during a game and players should be heavily fined or stripped of their opportunity to play in the NBA for going into the stands.

Violence is a big part of society today and there's no one to say otherwise. But there needs to be more control at sporting events.

"Basketball was once played in a cage," one newscaster said after viewing the game. "Maybe the NBA should go back to playing in a cage to protect both the fans and players."

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don't agree with it, but there's not much I can do. I don't think that I'm going to come back next season."

Doyle added that while he believes that a new system under Sims will work, he also believes that many of the changes Sims looks to make next season will not go through.

Ponciano, who began coaching in 1984, has held many positions in the past 19 years. He coached at USC, San Jose State, Missouri Western State College, CSUN and Azusa Pacific University.

Controversy followed the Monarch coach, as Ponciano was fired from CSUN in 1998.

CSUN terminated the football program in 1999 after reporting dismal attendance and unresolved financial issues that surrounded the department that year.

Ponciano brought in Fellows (Michigan high school), and defensive coordinator Leon Criner (College of the Canyons) to bolster the team's success after a 1-9 record in 2003.

"Coach Ponciano was a great mentor on this football team," said sophomore cornerback C.J. Harris. "Helping us players both on and off the field, he did a great job with this program, and he will be missed greatly by all the players."

The 2004 Monarch football team finished with a 3-7 overall and a 2-5 conference record.

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pasta, it also has live music on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights.

When it comes to entertainment, this reporter likes City Walk more than Universal Studios. It boasts an 18-screen theater with a vast concession stand and a six-story-high-eight-story-wide IMAX screen with sound that shakes the room. While the theater tickets may be a bit pricy, you can get your parking validated and get your money back.

"I usually go to one of the restaurants there, or the theater," says business-law-major Emi Zabalaga, about what she does at City Walk.

Shopping is a common pastime at City Walk. With 27 stores and countless stands selling everything from jewelry to caricatures. For clothing, there's Abercrombie & Fitch, Red Balls and Hot Topic. Kids of all ages will love Sparky's - a retro toy store, Music- and bookstores are also available for your shopping pleasure.

"There are two skate shops that I shop at a lot," says Derek Knuth, a 27-year-old psychology major.

When you run out of money you can just sit and chill with your friends in one of the many patio areas.

"When you go there you have to spend," 22-year-old Patricia Alarcon says about spending money at City Walk.

Instead of wasting gas driving around to find a place to eat, another place to watch a movie or hang out, take a walk down City Walk, open Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Fri.-Sat. 11a.m-11 p.m., – its all there.

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bulletin board with all the local news lets you know this is someplace special.

Manager Jessica Hart said she can't wait to wake up every morning and come to work.

"I love working here," Hart said. "I feel at home."

Hart makes each customer feel the same way, greeting everyone with a warm smile and addressing most by their first name.

"Eighty-five percent of our customers I know," Hart said. "I start making their drinks when they pull up."

Village Joe has built a loyal following. Goldsmith said that more than 25 percent of their customers have been coming in every day since they opened in July 2003.

"We may not have a lot of customers, but we love them all," Goldsmith said.

Thelma Glass, on a visit from Long Island, New York, enjoyed lunch with her three grandkids. Her daughter Judy is a regular. She was impressed with the courtesy and friendliness, in addition to all the goodies.

"It's a great place," said Glass.

Goldsmith said it's a challenge for a small business to compete with the other name-brand corporate businesses. "I'm just one shop," she said.

But, in this shop everyone loves coffee. They make sure that each cup is fresh, even in the middle of the afternoon. If they don't have your favorite blend brewed, they will make it for you.

"Each cup is individually treated," said Goldsmith.

At Village Joe you can get everything and more than at the name-brand places. They have all the options available, and yes, this holiday season you can get pumpkin pie and gingerbread-flavored lattes.

Village Joe believes in good, strong coffee - large cappuccinos include four shots of espresso. The difference is that the espresso is not made by the push of a button.

Making espresso is a step-by-step process, according to Goldsmith, and here they take extra care from the grind of the bean to the temperature of the steaming milk.

In addition to the coffee choices, which include ice-blended drinks made with real

Pee-wee
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tric characters. He engaged viewers of all ages.

The boxed set includes the first show in which Pee-wee remodels his playhouse, catches a cold, attends a Hawaiian luau, and throws a party. Culture-savvy viewers will recognize the Playhouse characters who went on to gain later fame: Cowboy Curtis (Oscar nominee Laurence Fishburne), Captain Carl (Saturday Night Live's Phil Hartman), Mail Lady Reba (Law and Order's S. Epatha Merkerson), and in a guest appearance, Jimmy Smits as a television repairman.

Despite the 13 year hiatus, Pee-wee's Playhouse has aged gracefully. Pee-wee's gentle humor and knowledge of how to entertain while teaching children make this an enduring favorite for kids, parents and even grown-up Gen-Xers.

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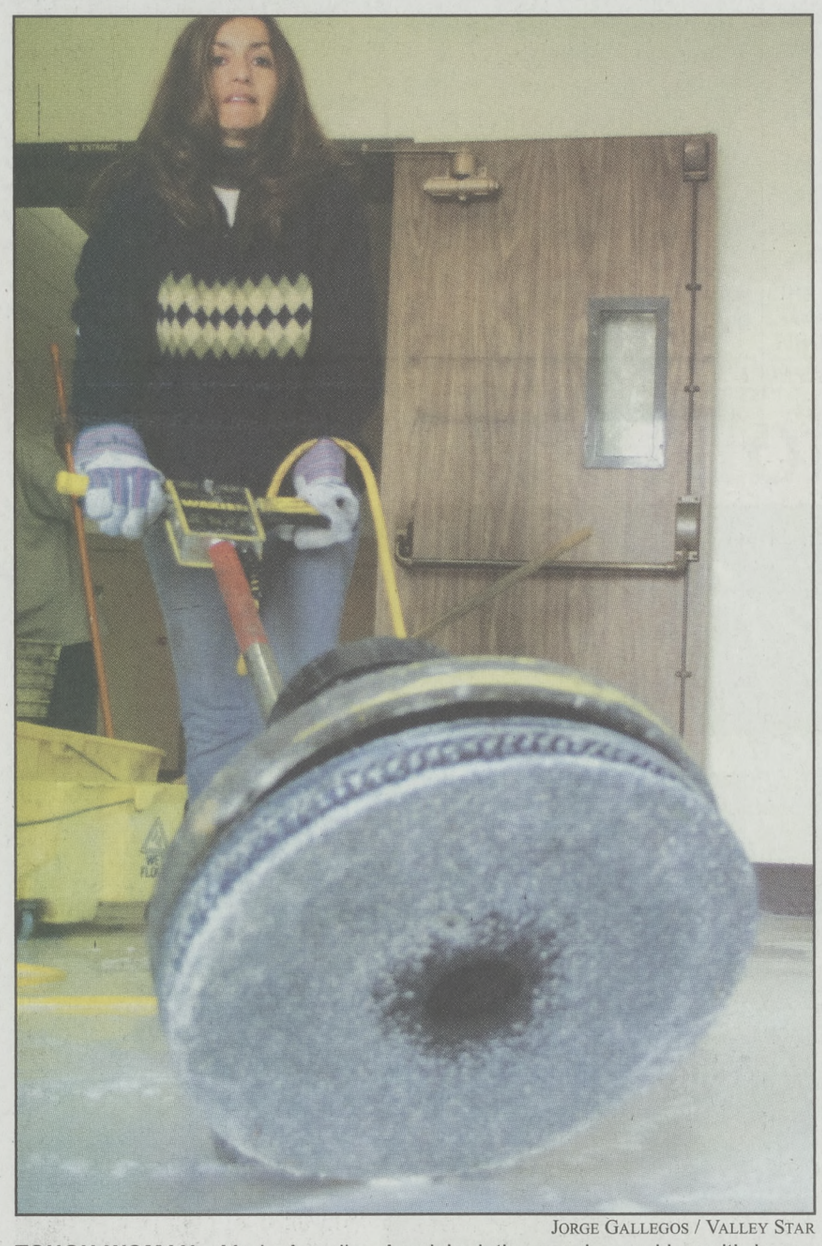
GLIDING - Custodian Maria Angelica Arzela makes her job look effortless as she glides through Monarch Hall on a typical day .



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TOUGH WOMAN - Maria Angelica Arzela's duties require working with heavy power tools.

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TEAM EFFORT - Maria Angelica Arzela and co-worker Blanca Ramirez are part of Valley College earliest shift starting at 6:30 a.m.

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They work in and around Valley College almost unnoticed, yet custodians render the essential needs on campus. This week's gallery takes a closer look at a typical day's work for a custodian. Maria Angelica Arzela has worked as a custodian at Valley for six years.

The Colombian native rises early to carpool from Lancaster with co-workers to be on duty by 6:30 a.m. Custodial work may seem trivial, but it is no easy task. "Due to budget cuts we all lost $200 from our paychecks and many people quit to keep their second jobs instead," said Arzela. Despite the cut in pay, Arzela still takes pride in her work and always accepts a challenge with a smile.

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MIRROR IMAGE - A silouhette reflection on the floor of Monarch Hall.

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SWEEPING IT ALL - Maria Angelica Arzela sweeps the daily mess in the Monarch Hall women's restroom.